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PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL OPEN TUESDAY SEPT. 7TH

School Buildings Have Been Remodeled and Made More Comfortable—Roster of Teachers for Ensuing Term—Teachers Meeting on Saturday, September 4th.

The Board of Education of the Clifton Schools announce Tuesday, September 7th, as the opening of the fall term of school and urge all parents to see that their children are prepared to enter the first day. Every thing has been done to make the buildings comfortable, sanitary, and useful by making extensive repairs and needed changes throughout the system. Seats have been reset to accommodate the individual child; blackboards have been lowered that all may reach them for the regular blackboard work which was impossible under the former arrangement; window blinds have been adjusted to admit the proper amount of light, thus insuring comfort in study; ventilation has been established where there was none and re-established where it had been cut off; steam and hot water heat is being installed in each building. Every possible thing has been done to insure a healthy atmosphere for the pupils, and a competent teaching force has been employed. In the matter of the physical welfare of the pupils the Board has used every effort within their power and consistent with expense to make the school life of the pupil worthy the commendation of everybody.

The courses of study both in the grammar grades and the high school have been revised and enriched and more emphasis is to be placed upon the physical and vocational training of the pupils. Since 95 per cent of the boys and girls who enter high school never go any further in their education, the vocational studies offer a practical solution for the uplifting of society by bringing more efficient workmen into the different fields of activity. The physical welfare of the pupils will be looked after by physical training courses for both boys and girls and supervised by competent instructors. In fact the City High School is the college for our young men and women and should have the entire support of the people.

The present management believes thoroughly in thoroughness in the essentials such as reading, spelling, writing, and arithmetic, and systematic physical training to insure health to both brain and body, believing that without a healthy body there can not be a strong, healthy mental activity such as will insure the greatest accomplishment in any work. The public in general is requested to co-operate with the school authorities in bringing about a healthy atmosphere for the children of the community and make everything tend toward a better school condition than has ever existed heretofore. We expect more of our children than was ever expected of us; therefore, it is necessary that we give them greater advantages than was ever given to us. The world is moving forward and our educational system should not lag behind in the uplift of society but rather lead in making the newly forming society more efficient and able to cope with the demands made upon it. The day of the prairie schooler has given way to the swifter and better electric machines, so should old educational ABC methods based upon nothing more than "trial and error" give way to the more scientific and proven methods of school administration.

The teaching force this year is chosen from a large list of applicants and promises to be one of ability and successful experience that will not be surpassed by any city in the state. The superintendent, Prof. J. A. Davis, is a representative of the country school, many of us remember as "The Little Red School House." He is a rural school, high school, college, and university graduate, a student not only of the best school systems of this country but of other countries as well. His experience covers a period of twenty two years in some of the best schools of this country. He is favorably known as a teacher, superintendent, institute instructor, lecturer and writer upon educational topics of the day. He is (Continued on Page 8.)

METCALF STATE BANK IS HELD UP BY MASKED ROBBER

Cashier Kelly is Locked in Vault and Robber Escapes With Five Thousand Dollars—Wore Black Handkerchief Over Face—Sheriff's Posse in Pursuit.

A lone highwayman entered the Bank of Metcalf at 11:50 on Wednesday morning, and at the point of a gun, held up the Cashier, W. E. Kelly, and made his escape with five or six thousand dollars in currency, gold and silver. According to the best description obtainable the man was an American, about forty years of age, five feet eight inches in height, and weighed approximately 185 pounds. His hair was tinged with gray and he had a heavy mustache, although it is believed that the mustache was false. He wore a dull colored sweater, wide brimmed hat and boots with spurs and chains. His horse is described as bay pony with two white front feet and the saddle was an old one. A few minutes before twelve o'clock a stranger, having the appearance of a cowboy, rode through Metcalf and alighted in front of the State Bank of Metcalf. He dismounted in a leisurely manner and started to the horse to a hitching post, the horse becoming refractory, the rider handed the reins to a Mexican boy standing nearby and requested him to hold the horse. He carried a slicker carelessly under his arm, concealed in which was a Winchester rifle and a forty-five calibre six shooter was concealed beneath the sweater. He walked quietly into the bank, closed the door behind him and as Cashier W. E. Kelly advanced to ascertain his wants, he advanced himself looking down the barrel of a revolver, in the hands of a man whose face was concealed by a black handkerchief, and was met with the demand from the robber that the Cashier deliver to him the keys to the front door.

At the time of the entrance of the robber Cashier Kelly was engaged in conversation with Walter Doudna, the well known prospector and miner of the district. They were seated in a small ante room. In compliance with the demand of the robber Kelly handed over the key to the front door of the bank, which the robber locked and then marched Kelly, at the point of a gun, into the ante room where for the first time he discovered the presence of Doudna. Satisfying himself that there was no means of exit from the ante room he shut the door on them and proceeded in a leisurely manner to help himself to the cash in sight, some gold and silver. Entering the bank vault he made a search for the currency but could not find it. He ordered Cashier Kelly to get it for him and followed him into the vault where Kelly pointed out the currency, amounting to about \$4500. The robber dumped the gold silver and currency into a bag and then ordered Kelly and Doudna to step into the vault. "If you look us up in the vault, we'll smother to death," said the Cashier. "All I want is a square deal."

"You'll get that alright," said the robber, "step into the vault."

Doudna and Kelly complied and the robber closed the door, leaving a small crack in the same, and then proceeded to secure the vault door with small chains and a padlock which he evidently brought along for that purpose.

Every movement of the robber showed plainly that he was familiar with the interior of the bank and the habits of the Cashier. He timed his arrival for the noon hour knowing well that it was the custom of the Cashier to lock the bank while he went to his lunch.

While Doudna and Kelly were confined in the ante room of the bank Doudna was making frantic signals through a small window in an effort to attract the attention of the clerks in the A. C. store. They gallily returned the salutation, as they supposed, and with a wave of their hands returned to their duties.

After the robber had secured all the money in sight and locked the vault door with a chain he walked out the front door of the bank, locked it behind him, put the keys in his pocket, mounted his horse, gave the Mexican boy a dime for holding his horse and rode off in the direction of Coronado Hill.

Immediately after the departure of the robber Kelly and Doudna began an attack upon the lock and chains with a hammer which was in the vault and made their exit at exactly four minutes past twelve. According to their estimate the robber was in the bank about nine minutes.

Upon gaining his liberty Kelly rushed to the telephone and notified the officers and also phoned to superintendent Scott of the Coronado mine. Scott replied that a man answering that description had just passed there. Later a Mexican arrived in Metcalf from Santa Rosa canyon and returned the keys to the bank cashier. He stated that two men passed him on horseback and one of them gave him the keys. From this story it is evident that the robber was joined by a partner who was to assist in helping him escape if necessary.

Deputy Sheriff's from Clifton and

ELK LODGE COMPLETES ITS ORGANIZATION FOR PRESENT YEAR

Roster B. P. O. E. Elks Reunion Association of Arizona Announced; Bisbee Has Two Elective Officers.

By appointment of non-elective officers and committeemen by Thomas Blair, President of the B. P. O. Elks Reunion Association, the organization for the present year has been completed. Blair waited until he could consult various members of the other lodges of the state in Los Angeles at the time of the Grand Lodge meeting, weighed their suggestions carefully on his return and yesterday the notifications were sent out by the secretary of the Association.

Of the elective officers of the Elks State Association Bisbee has two and Clifton, Yuma, Flagstaff and Tucson each one. Of the appointive officers Phoenix has one and Bisbee two, in addition to the fact that the Exalted Ruler of each lodge is the district president of the territory in which said lodge has jurisdiction. On the committees there are four members of Globe lodge, three each from Bisbee Clifton and Phoenix, two each from Yuma and Flagstaff and one from Tucson. In the total roster of officers and committees it is natural that Bisbee should have the largest representation as hosts at the next state reunion and such is the case. Bisbee has a total of 6, Globe and Clifton each 5, Phoenix, Yuma and Flagstaff 4; Tucson 2, and the other lodges of the state one, their district President, who is a member of the association whether or not his lodge has yet affiliated.

The roster of the B. P. O. Elks Reunion Association of Arizona, as to officers and committees is as follows: President, Thomas Blair, Bisbee 671 1st Vice President, Peter Riley Clifton 1174.

2nd Vice President, O. B. Raudebaug, Flagstaff 499. 3rd Vice President, R. R. Knotts, Yuma 476.

Secretary, Joseph H. Gray, Bisbee 671.

Treasurer, W. Gleason Nugent, Tucson 385. Sergeant-at-arms, Tony Friberg, Bisbee 671.

Inner Guard, Thomas Mooney, Phoenix 335. Chaplain, Ben Frankenberg, Bisbee 671.

Executive Committee, Charles K. Pishon, Phoenix 335; J. F. Meyer, Globe 489, and Ed Fitzgerald, Clifton 1174. The president, secretary and treasurer are also members of this committee.

Judiciary Committee, Charles Hardy, Tucson 385; J. L. Alexander, Phoenix 335; and C. H. Coleman, Yuma 476.

Law Committee, Matt Lyons, Globe 489; Fred W. Sutter, Bisbee 671 and Sam Abrahams, Clifton 1174.

Distribution and Rituals, E. A. Sliker, Flagstaff 499; A. N. Kelly, Yuma 476 and W. G. Reid, Globe 489.

Auditing Committee, E. Brady O'Neill, Phoenix 335; C. A. Black, Flagstaff 499 and Harry Wright, Clifton 1174.

Credentials Committee, Emil Marks Bisbee 671; Erastus Hatley, Bisbee 671 and Guy E. Stephenson, Globe 489.

The officers of the Association request the various papers of the cities of Arizona where there are Elk lodges to give publicity to this matter and to publish the list of officers and committees.

WIFE OF VETERAN EDITOR IS VERY ILL

Mrs. Thomas F. Weedon, wife of Colonel Thomas Weedon, register of the United States land office at Phoenix and veteran editor of Florence, is seriously ill. She recently returned from Baltimore, where she took the radium treatment. Colonel and Mrs. Weedon are well known among the pioneer residents of this city.

Morenci were soon on the scene and under the direction of Sheriff Cash have been following clues since Wednesday but at the time of going to press without success.

The loss sustained by the bank was covered by insurance and Cashier Kelly was again doing business Wednesday afternoon with another bank roll.

Description of the robber have been wired to all surrounding points.

BISBEE DENTIST ACCUSED OF ROBBERY

Man Alleges Dr. Geo. D. Craig Held Him up and Took \$20 and Watch. Says Dentist Collected Bill by Force.

DOUGLAS, Aug. 27.—Dr. George D. Craig, a popular and well known young dentist of Bisbee, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Charles E. Cross on the charge of highway robbery. The warrant was sworn out by Joe Maseeh, of this city. Dr. Craig's preliminary hearing will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in this city before Justice of the Peace R. S. Maclay.

According to Maseeh's story he was coming from Bisbee to Douglas day before yesterday in a jitne car, which also contained other passengers. Suddenly Dr. Craig drove up alongside in his automobile and at the point of a gun demanded that Maseeh pay him \$35 which he owed the doctor for dental work. Maseeh demurred, saying he didn't have the money, when Dr. Craig, according to the complainant's story, threatened to blow his head off unless he handed over the money at once. Maseeh then gave him \$20 in money and a watch which he says is worth \$25. Craig then returned to Bisbee and Maseeh came on to Douglas.

Maseeh formerly lived in Douglas, coming here from Bisbee and starting a small pool hall. Later he returned to Bisbee. The police say they know him and that he has been in trouble before.

Dr. Craig has a splendid reputation in Bisbee, where he is popular with all classes. It is said that before he left Bisbee in his car he went to the justice of the peace's office and told him what he was going to do, saying he would collect the money due him if he had to use a gun, for he knew the man had it.

Dr. Craig was a member of the first State legislature from Cochise county.

STATE'S GOVERNOR IS A GOVERNESS

When All Higher Up Officials Are Out of State Lady Acts.

PHOENIX, Aug. 23.—With Gov. G. W. P. Hunt absent from the state and the heir apparent, Secretary of State Osborn, also absent, the duties of the chief executive and the title of acting governor falls to Assistant Secretary R. E. McGillen, under paragraph sixty-seven of the civil code of the state which reads:

"In the absence of the secretary the assistant secretary shall have the power to perform the duties of the secretary and to do all the acts that he might legally do."

When the Santa Fe train bearing Gov. Hunt on his journey to Boston, crossed the state line, between Arizona and New Mexico this morning about 10 o'clock McGillen automatically became the acting governor of the state.

As the acting governor is absent from the office temporarily, being on a visit to Prescott, the real responsibility of administering state affairs, pro tem, falls upon Mrs. Fred Norton, chief clerk in the secretary's office.

Conference at Mogollon

As a result of correspondence with General Manager Kidder, of the Mogollon Mines company, at Mogollon, N. M., a delegation representing the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce, will leave Clifton on the morning of September 8th for Mogollon for the purpose of holding a conference regarding the construction of a connecting highway between Clifton and Mogollon. Some members of the delegation will ride across country to Jackson, N. M. where they will take an auto for Mogollon arriving there on the evening of the 9th.

Furnished Rooms Wanted

Persons having furnished rooms for rent will confer a favor upon the school management by notifying Superintendent J. A. Davis.

BOOTLEGGER KILLED BY CONSTABLE IN SELF DEFENSE

After Being Wounded in the Hand Constable Johnny Hoffman Draws His Gun and Kills Assailant—Trunk Load of Whiskey is Confiscated.

Morenci, Ariz., Aug. 27.—(Special to the Era.)—As the result of a raid on two Mexican bootleggers at 11 o'clock Thursday night Constable Hoffman, Mike McBiles, an electrician, and a Mexican boy are in the hospital with serious injuries, while the last sad rites will be held today over the body of Refugio Prieto, a dead Mexican.

Thursday evening Constable Hoffman received notice that the Morenci Southern passenger train had that evening brought in a shipment of whiskey consigned to Porfirio Prieto and Ramon Gonzalez for bootlegging purposes. About 11 o'clock, in company with Mike McBiles, an electrician for the D. C. company, he went to the home of the Mexicans, back of Burro Alley, for the purpose of making the arrest. Before reaching the house he warned McBiles to keep about a hundred feet in the rear. Hoffman approached the house where he was met by Prieto at the point of a gun. Prieto began firing before Hoffman had a chance to draw his gun and the Mexican had fired several times before the Constable got into action. The handle of Hoffman's gun was shot away and he was shot through the right hand, the bullet going through his knuckles and the palm of the hand and lodging in the wrist. Crippled as he was he managed to draw his gun and shot Prieto three times through the stomach killing him instantly.

During this time, Gonzalez, who was unarmed, was busy bombarding the constable with rocks, several of which hit him about the head and causing severe wounds.

Two of the stray shots fired by Prieto struck McBiles, one lodging in the leg and one in the ankle. A stray bullet also went through a neighboring house and struck a Mexican boy in the head inflicting a scalp wound which it is thought will not prove dangerous.

The wounded men were removed to the hospital where their injuries were attended to, the bullet being removed from Hoffman's arm Friday morning. During the melee Gonzalez made his escape and at this time has not been located. A coroner's jury was immediately summoned and held an inquest over the remains of the dead Mexican. Their verdict being that he came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of Constable Hoffman who acted in self-defense. In all about twelve shots were fired, Hoffman firing four of these, three of which took effect.

A search of the house after the shooting brought to light one trunk full of whiskey and it is thought that two suit cases which were full of bottles of whiskey were spirited away by Gonzalez as no trace of them could be found. The trunk with its precious cargo was taken to the court house where it is being heavily guarded from attack. It is understood that the booze was shipped in from El Paso and after landing in the freight house here two of the bottles became broken and a liquid ran out. Constable Hoffman detected the odor and followed the booze to its destination, deciding later to apprehend the men.

Springerville Meeting Sept. 3.

A letter received this week from Gustave Becker, Mayor of Springerville, by W. S. Bradfield, Secretary of the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce, states that he has called a meeting of Apache county citizens to confer with a delegation from the Greenlee County Chamber of Commerce, the meeting to be held at Springerville on the morning of September 3. Mr. Becker writes that he is very much interested in the project to further the building of a road between Springerville and Clifton.

Let's of Administration

In a Superior Court this week Maria V. de Guerra applied for letters of administration for the estate of her husband, Vicente S. Guerra, deceased.

ORGANIZERS RECEIVE COLD RECEPTION FROM MEXICANS

At Public Meeting Held on Plaza at Morenci Union Speakers Were Hissed Off of Platform—Sheriff Enforces Order at Clifton Meeting—Organizers Still at Work.

As per previous arrangements the organizers of the Western Federation of Miners, including Guy Miller, member of the Executive Board from Denver, assisted by Messrs. Tribolet Charpentier and an Italian, who came here from Miami, held public meetings in Morenci and Clifton on Sunday afternoon last for the purpose of enlisting the Mexican population in favor of organizing the Clifton-Morenci district as a union camp under the control of the Western Federation of Miners.

The open air meetings were not a success from the viewpoint of the organizers. Especially was this the case at Morenci. The organizers were on hand to present their side of the question to the assemblage but were met with a cool reception which culminated in a near riot and they were forced to desist.

The first English speaker in behalf of the organizers Guy Miller, was scarcely launched upon his theme before cries of "we can't understand, speak in Spanish," were hurled at him from every side and as the tumult grew he was forced to abandon his argument. Bedlam broke loose and half smothered cries of "otro toro" were heard on all sides. Tribolet, the Mexican speaker, succeeded him with like results, being greeted with, "speak English, we can't understand." By this time the crowd was so demonstrative that the organizers departed in waiting automobiles in the direction of Clifton. The result of the meeting showed the state of mind of a majority of the men in Morenci in regard to affiliation. Many of the old time Mexicans in the district are cognizant of the former attempts of this same federation to gain a foothold here and they are also well aware of the length to which they will go to accomplish their end.

The organizers arrived in Clifton Sunday afternoon and Sheriff Cash and deputies took steps to guarantee the speakers the right of free speech. The sheriff announced to the leaders on both sides that the Western Federation organizers would be permitted to first address the assemblage which had gathered several hundred strong on Library Plaza and when they had concluded those in opposition to the movement would be permitted to follow them. Deputy sheriffs move around through the crowd and preserved order, although catcalls, hisses and cries of "har" were frequent interruptions on both sides. At the conclusion of speeches made by the organizers R. G. Murrillo, of Metcalf, mounted an automobile and denounced the efforts of the organizers. He was followed by other Mexican speakers, who cautioned the Mexicans against affiliation with the Western Federation.

Sunday night public meetings were continued in Chase Creek amid much disorder of a minor nature.

The organizers are still working quietly to attain their end while the antis are as industriously opposing them.

The district was flooded this week with thousands of circulars containing the following telegram in response to an inquiry sent to Ray in regard to the leaders in the movement:

"F. A. Fuentes, Morenci, Arizona.

Federation has no union here; only a few boys belong to Miami local. These boys are disgusted with the way they have been treated and are going to quit the union and demand their money back. Do not pay any attention to Tribolet; he is no good and deceived us all. As soon as he gets you in trouble he will leave and probably take your money same as he did here."

Signed: JOSE TIBBETS.

Jose Tibbets formerly resided in Morenci and is well known there.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pollock and Miss Janet Pollock left last Wednesday morning for a month's visit with relatives and friends at Davenport, Iowa, and Chicago, Ill.